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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1884.

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PRICE \$2 PER MONTH

CHIPPING.

INTIMATIONS.

ARRIVALS.
December 7. VELVET, British bark, 493, R.
Martin, Chefoo 27th November, Beans.
CHINESE.
December 8. KONG BENG, British str., 382, R.
Jones, Bangkok 28th Nov., General.
YUEN FAT HONG.
December 8. WINGHANG, British str., 1,554, S.
Cox, Calcutta, Penang, and Singapore
20th Nov., General.—JARDINE, MATHERSON
& Co.
December 8. CAMELOT, British str., 1,642, S.
Dasy, Samarang 22nd Nov., and Singapore
28th Sugar—Order.

CLEARANCES.
AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
21st December.
Dubuy, German str., for Swatow.
Will-the-Wisp, British str., for Haiphong.
Treaser, British str., for Singapore.

DEPARTURES.
December 8. CARDIGANSHIRE, British steamer,
for Yokohama.
December 8. ANTON, German str., for Haiphong.
December 8. NAM-VIAN, British steamer, for
Haiphong.
December 8. AMYOT, British str., for London.
December 8. MARIA, British steamer, 1,067,
H. Plante, Saigon 1st Dec., Rio—Chile.

PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.
For Kung Beng, str., from Hangkok—37 Chi-
nese.
For Camelot, str., from Samarang, &c.—22
Chinese.
For Winghang, str., from Calcutta &c.—Mr.
Smith, and 482 Chinese.
TO DEPART.
For F. & J. P. COOPER, from Ha-
mpton—Mr. T. C. Charnade, Mr. and Mrs.
F. T. Barnes, for Marwells—Mr. and Mrs.
F. T. P. Foster, for London—Mr. McMillan
from Shanghai—For Gazzara—Messrs. H.
R. Davis, T. A. Coote, H. E. Brown, and F. C.
Sheppard, for London—Miss Crowley and Anna,
and Mr. J. C. Chapman, for London.
For St. George, str., for Shanghai—Mr. and
Miss Ball-Irving, Messrs. J. W. Irwin, W. de
St. Croix, and Lawrence, and Master Graham.

REPORTS.
The British steamer Kung Beng reports left
Bangkok on the 26th ult., and had heavy N.N.E.
seas with tremendous sea all the way from
port to port.

The British steamer Winghang from Cal-
cutta, Penang, and Singapore on the 30th ult.,
reports experienced fresh to strong N.E. gales
with very high seas throughout the passage to
within 100 miles of the Ladrones; from thence to
port strong breeze from N.N.E. with big N.E.
swell.

FOOCHOW SHIPPING.
November—ARRIVALS.
22. Gleefraun, British str., from Shanghai.
23. Names, British str., from Hongkong.
24. Anchises, British str., from Shanghai.
25. Fu-yew, American str., from Shanghai.
26. Peugh Balingham, Ger. str., from Nanking.
27. Taft, British str., from Shanghai.

DEPARTURES.
22. Tannadice, British str., for Colonia.
23. Gleefraun, British str., for London.
24. Names, British str., for Haiphong.
25. Anchises, British str., for London.
26. Fu-yew, American str., for Shanghai.

SINGHAI SHIPPING.
November—ARRIVALS.
22. New China, British str., from Ningpo.
23. Kiang-kuo, British str., from Ningpo.
24. Ho-ssu, American str., from Tientsin.
25. Store Nordisk, Danish str., from a cruise.
26. Kiang-kuo, American str., from Haikow.
27. Greathead Hall, British str., from Tientsin.
28. Pochil, British str., from Tientsin.
29. New China, British str., from Ningpo.
30. W. G. de Vries, British str., from Haikow.
31. Kowshing, British str., from Tientsin.
32. Matilda, British str., from Hongkong.
33. Chihaya Maru, Jap. bark, from Keutai.
34. Kiang-kuo, American str., from Ningpo.
35. Chin-tung Am. str., from Tientsin.
36. Ningpo, British str., from Ningpo.
37. Nankin, British str., from Ningpo.
38. Kiang-kuo, British str., from Ningpo.
39. Kiang-kuo, British str., from Ningpo.
40. New China, British str., from Ningpo.
41. Kowshing, British str., from Tientsin.
42. W. G. de Vries, British str., from Ningpo.
43. Iohang, British str., from Ningpo.
44. Lane, Crawford & Co., Shanghai.

On LONDON BORDEAUX CALCOUETTE, BOMBAY
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Lane, Crawford & Co., Shanghai.

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Hongkong, 29th November, 1884.

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J. MELVILLE MATSON,
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Hongkong, 16th September, 1884.

NOTICE.

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ALL HOLDERS OF NOTES of the
A. ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION
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PHOTOGRAPHS OF
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INSTANTANEOUS VIEWS, Groups and
SCENES of different kinds taken daily.

STUDIO, QUEEN'S ROAD,
Hongkong, 24th August, 1884.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day established myself as
SHANE AND GENERAL BROKER.

A. J. HARRETTO.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1884.

NOTICE.

WE beg to give Notice that we intend
to open a Branch of our Firm as
PUBLIC TEA INSPECTORS AND
COMMISSION AGENTS in Canton for the
coming TEA SEASON.

DOUGLAS LAPLAIR & CO.,
Agents for Phoenix Fire Office.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1884.

NOTICE.

The Underwriters are now prepared to
INSURE POLICIES ON INSURANCE AGAINST
THE FOLLOWING CASES.

OF CHINESE PROPERTY.

OF CHINESE GOLD AND SILVER.

Nobles, and the other officers of the Stock, fell into the hands of the other foreign men-of-war, all in full uniform, including the German, Austrian, British, and Norwegian Officers, sailors, uniforms, and a number of residents, mostly Germans. Behind them came a number of sailors from the Stock. A Lieutenant read the funeral service at the grave, the Mortuary Chapel not being used. While the friends were throwing flowers on the coffin, the band played after which the band, the pipe band, and three volleys in the air and then the band played some more music. The deceased was only twenty-four years of age, and he completed the year on the day before his death.—*Daily News*.

THE BLOCKADE OF FORMOSA.

In the House of Commons on the 26th October Lord E. Fitzmaurice asked the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether the Government were ready to take up the blockade of the island of Formosa. "The blockade of the coast of the island of Formosa began on the 29th inst., and that no vessels are now allowed to embark or disembark at the island, which is completely isolated," whether this blockade by France of ports belonging to a Power with which she is at war, was inconsistent with international law, which France had, in the circumstances, any right to prevent English ships from entering the ports of the island, and whether the Government proposed in order to obtain for English commerce the compensation due for damages accruing from the interruption to which it was subjected.

Mr. Ashurst-Bartlett also asked whether British naval ships had been stopped and searched by French vessels on the coast of the Chinese coast, whether the French had declared a blockade of Formosa, and whether the French Republic had declared war upon China, and if not whether Her Majesty's Ministers would direct the British Admiralty in command of the China Fleet to take steps to stop these piratical proceedings.

Lord E. Fitzmaurice: Her Majesty's Government on the 23rd inst. received from the French Government a formal notice of blockade of all ports of Formosa, and the notice was issued in the *Gazette* of the 24th inst. France has undoubtedly the right to blockade those ports, and the notification of blockade must be taken as her declaration of war by a recognition of a state of war.

France has, in all circumstances, all the rights of war, including the right to prevent access to the blockade ports, inasmuch as a belligerent blockade if she does so amounts to that in the absence of a formal declaration of war either by France or China. Her Majesty's Government have thought it necessary to communicate with the French Government on the subject of the blockade to remove all doubt as to the position of naval vessels, and I am unable to make any further statement pending the result of that communication. Before the notification of blockade three British vessels were sent off Taiwan, and upon representations having made to the French Government on the subject it was admitted that the proceeding was irregular but that a regular blockade was not having been established. The French Government will be prepared to make any such arrangement which can properly be supported by international law, but up to the present time no such arrangement has been preferred.

In regard to the last paragraph of the question of the hon. member for Ely I can only express my regret that he should have expressed in this House opposition to a friendly blockade.

Lord E. Fitzmaurice: In reply to a further question by Mr. Habershon, and in accordance with my paper on the subject of the table, certain papers relating to the French in China were about to be presented.

Mr. Ashurst-Bartlett gave notice that he would ask the noble lord whether the examination of merchant ships without a declaration of war did not constitute an act of piracy.

Mr. Warreton: The French Government had taken any pains to find out the actual number of French ships with the view of ascertaining whether the blockade was an effective one or merely a paper one.

Lord E. Fitzmaurice: I do not know, Sir.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

MONDAY, 8th December.
OPUM.

Quotations are—

Malwa (New).....	\$300 per pisol, allee. of 2/4/16
Malwa (Old).....	\$350
Fatna (New).....	\$393 1/2 per pshot.
Fatna (Old).....	\$365
Bonara (New).....	\$33 1/2 per pshot.

EXCHANGE.

On LONDON.....	Bank Bills, on demand..... \$364
	Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight..... 361
	Bank Bills, at 6 months' sight..... 371
Credits, at 4 months' sight.....	372
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight.....	734
	Private, 30 days' sight..... 74

SHAKER.
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—113, per cent premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited—\$460 per share, or div.

China Traders Insurance Company's Shares—\$64 per share.

North China Insurance—The 285 per share.

Yangtze River Insurance Association—The 137 1/2 per share.

Chinese Insurance Company, Limited—\$175 per share, ex div.

Tai Chi Insurance Company, Limited—The 143 per share.

Canton Insurance Office, Limited—\$371 per share, Bayers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$30 per share, Bayers.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$68 per share.

Hongkong and Whampoa Duck Company's Shares—47 1/2 per cent prem. Bayers.

Hongkong Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—\$33 per share premium.

Hongkong Steam Navigation Co.'s Shares—\$9 per share discount.

China Maritime Steamship Company, Limited—\$30 per cent discount.

Douglas Steamship Company, Limited—Par, nominal.

Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$90 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$120 per share.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—108 per share.

China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—nominal.

Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$70 per share.

Hongkong Ice Company's Shares—\$142 per share.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$10 per share.

Pak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—\$20 per share.

Soleng Tin Mining Company—\$10 per share.

Pak Tin Sugar Cultivation Company—The 25 per cent.

Hongkong Rose Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$60 per share.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—4 per cent, dis-

CHARTERS EFFECTED.

The following settlements are taken from Mr. J. LAMKE's Freight Circular—

John C. Hunter—British bark, 63 tons, to Havre and London, private terms.

Forster & Son—British bark, 639 tons, to London and Hamburg private terms.

Forster & Son—German bark, 663 tons, Manila-London or Liverpool—\$1 2s. per ton per month.

Hedley—German bark, 144 tons, to Havre and Hamburg private terms.

Hedley—German bark, 663 tons, Manila-London or Liverpool—\$1 2s. per ton per month.

Hedley—German bark, 315 tons, to Pahoki, Haiphong, and E-Soen—\$25 in full, 18 days' date, and Quinhoo to Hongkong, \$700 in full, 21 days' date.

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ST. OLENT. Some recently have been fit on Mr. Mallmann's account. He is doing a large work in connection with the British and Foreign Bible Society, and his prolonged absence on a journey gave rise to fear lest he might have met with harm. This fear was further increased by a rumour which was circulated to the effect that he had been captured and sold into slavery, who were then drowned. We are glad to report that later intelligence has removed all fear on his account, and a verbal message informed our Chungking friends that they might expect to see him soon.

A miniature rebellion has just been put down at Ta-pa-hion, but the rebels, who are said to be the leading district of that town and I am not sure. It is said to have originated in the former city by a wealthy landowner of renown. Everong-ton, the government, may be his reason, since he suffered punishment for some years on account of his former misdeeds. On his last return he gave a grand feast for which 50 tables were provided. The chief dish was a large fish, which he caused to be prepared in his honour. The following day the fish was sent to the government, who, however, did not accept it. The landowner replied "all right," but at the same time told him his name was not quite clear, and that the large numbers which gathered around him did not look at all well; he had better continue to have such gatherings or he might get himself into trouble. The landowner replied "all right," but at the end of the following day the fish was sent back again. The reason for this is not known, but it is said that the Government continued to increase until on the third day 300 tables were spread for them.

They are said to be thousands strong, but are by no means well equipped for fighting. The motto inscribed on their banners shows that their intention is to utterly destroy man and mandarin and their dependents if they are not met with resistance.

Owing to the dull times their ranks may be largely reinforced by malcontents. It is to be hoped that the Government will do all in its power to nip the rebellion in the bud.—*The Star in the East.*

PEKING. The hearts of the soldiers were made happy on the 14th Nov., by the receipt of their pay for the winter months. There was less an inch and a quarter thick on the river on the 13th Nov. The soldiers quartered in the suburbs of T'ing-hou are not allowed to enter the city itself, unless provided with a pass from the commanding officers of their regiments. They make the third month since they have done so, and are still under guard, and on absences without leave is severely punished by a flogging of not less than 300 blows—a very severe punishment in the present state of the weather.

H. E. Shan Ching, the Tatar Commander-in-Chief, whose army nearly came up to number, though not in efficiency, to the disciplined regiments of Li Chang-tung, has taken up his headquarters in T'eng-hou to await the approach of the French next spring.—*Shanghai Courier.*

It is reported (says the *Courier*) that the British, German, Russian, American, and Japanese Ministers at Peking have called upon the Ministers of the Tung-hu Yuan requesting permission to pay their respects to the Emperor on the 25th Dec., to express their sympathy on the occasion of his fiftieth birthday. To this K'ung Boilek replied that there was no precedent for it, and he would have to request the Imperial Instructions before giving any definite answer.

MOUKDEN. 15th November. Last night at about 9 o'clock a smart shock of earthquake made our houses vibrate and our windows rattle almost as if they were to break. In some houses the shelves were shaken off, and it was a noise accompanied by a crackling sound. About ten years ago a similar shock at the same time of evening caused a good deal of commotion. It was more severe than this, at the wall of the houses rocked dangerously. It was accompanied by a sound like that of a railway train in the distance. What appears to be the cause is that both shocks came from N.W. & S.E. directions, because it is a fact of being the direction in which our hills trend at right angles to that direction, our hills running from N.E. to S.W. There has been nothing in the weather of the past few days to act as a precursor of the disturbance underneath, it being cold, frosty and clear. I am not aware whether you have heard or not, that with a few weeks all China has been quaked, that the Korean rice information to the Chinese Government of the approach of every earthquake? It is said, too, on excellent authority, that the shaking of the earth is caused by the yawning of a great fish!—*N. C. Daily News Correspondent.*

JAPAN. 15th November. **NAGASAKI.** The steamer *Proprietary*, in entering Nagasaki harbour, about 6.30 p.m., on the 19th November, in charge of pilot J. U. Smith, had the misfortune to foul the Russian man-of-war *Shevchenko*, carrying away her starboard propeller, bow, stern, and rudder, and doing much other slight damage. It was the intention of the *Shevchenko* to have left on the 21st, but the accident will detain her several days longer.—*Rising Sun.*

TOKIO. 17th November. The late riots in Ibaraki have taken a somewhat quiet course in the Capital, and the Ministers of State have already held several lengthy conferences with regard to quelling the disturbances. It appears only too probable that the almost penniless condition of the peasantry in many parts of the interior have led them to the last desperate measure of winning bread by help of the sword. Some people of high standing have been among the instigators of some half-baked members of the Liberal Party, but if all accounts are to be credited, the disturbances were very far from being of a political nature. It is true, nevertheless, that some of the rioters taken red-handed loudly proclaimed themselves Liberals, but this is not to be taken as the true indication of the opinions of the mob. However, it is now evident that the disturbances have cast upon the Liberal Party that it has quietly dissolved. Mr. Itagaki, the energetic and public-minded President of the Liberals, has returned to his native province, refusing to interest himself further in questions of political import until these troublous times have passed over. An outcry has been raised in several parts against the high-handedness of other parties, and it is now evident that the actions imposed by the Government have entirely demoralized the poorer classes. Though not strictly true there is some reason in these complaints. When it appears that thousands of agriculturists and other labouring-men are unable to meet the most necessary daily expenses owing to a variety of causes, it is natural to consider what can be done to force the Government to pay tax of any description whatever. But, arguing on the basis that the imports are really not exorbitant, the Government has hitherto turned a deaf ear to the many complaints coming from the provinces. The natural consequence has been that the peasant were forced to raise money by mortgaging everything that they possessed, and the result was sure to be the bankruptcy of the poor. With this sort of thing could not go on for ever, the numbers in the country gradually absorbed everything of value owned by the peasants—land, houses, implements, clothes, and even personal liberty. And the whole village has become bankrupt, the owners of most property or debtors having lost their lands and their ability to earn a chance of betterment. In some instances the wrath of the peasantry has been directed against the money-lenders who ground them so unmercifully, and records of the past now show the dark history of many a cruel master, where often the unhappy owner and his entire family were put to death. But now, as the winter approaches, and the debts are still greater, the houses, without hope of the future, may have revolted against the Government itself resolved to die rather than to starve. How much the Government is actually to blame is difficult to say; this crisis can surely not have been unforeseen, and yet no corrective measures have been adopted. Some steps have been taken, but not enough. Now the problem stands the Government in the face, and can no longer be put aside. Taxes or no taxes? Imperial or partial taxation? It is a question which must be answered at once, or else the military will have to be called into requisition in localities not far distant from the Capital. Some steps have been taken, but not enough. Now the problem stands the Government in the face, and can no longer be put aside. Taxes or no taxes? Imperial or partial taxation? It is a question which must be answered at once, or else the military will have to be called into requisition in localities not far distant from the Capital. Some steps have been taken, but not enough. Now the problem stands the Government in the face, and can no longer be put aside. Taxes or no taxes? 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